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CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

FRANCIS' TRIBUTE

After his trip to the Holy Land and his visit to Bethlehem, Saint Francis of Assisi had a special devotion to the feast of Christmas. In the year 1223, Francis himself celebrated Christmas in a way which the world had never seen before. In Greccio he had a friend and well-wisher who had given him and his Brothers a wood-grown cliff above the city. Francis told the benefactor, "I want to celebrate the holy Christmas night along with thee, and now listen how I have thought it out for myself. In the woods by the cloister thou wilt find a cave, and there thou mayest arrange a manger filled with hay. There must also be an ox and an ass, just as in Bethlehem. I want for once to celebrate seriously the coming of the Son of God upon earth and to see with my own eyes how poor and miserable He wished to be for our sakes."

His friend attended to all Francis' wishes, and at midnight of Christmas Eve the Brothers came together to celebrate the festival of Christmas. All carried lighted torches and stood around the manger with their candles, so that it was as light as day under the dark vaulting of the rocks. Mass was said with the manger as altar, so that the Divine Child under the forms of bread and wine should Himself come to the place, as bodily and discernibly as He had been in the stable of Bethlehem.

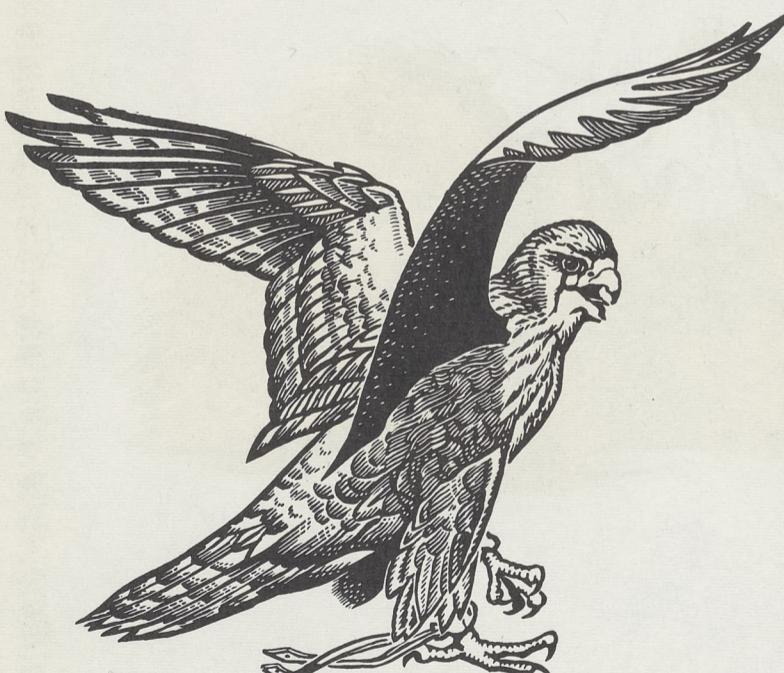
For a moment it seemed to Francis' friends that he saw the real Child lying in the manger, but looking as if it were dead or asleep. Then Brother Francis stepped forward and took it longingly in his arms and the Child smiled at the Poverello, and with its little hands stroked his bearded chin and his coarse habit.

Yet this vision did not astonish Francis' friends. For Jesus had been dead or asleep in the hearts these many years, until Brother Francis had by his voice and his example restored the Divine Child to life in the world.

As the gospel was sung, Francis stepped forward in his deacon's vestments. Deeply sighing, overcome with the fullness of his devotion, his ringing voice invited all to seek the highest good.

The night watch ended late and everyone went with joy to his home. They had just prayed before the first CHRISTMAS CRI

the FORD falcon



The selection of the FALCON as Bishop Ford High School's nickname was prompted for the following reasons:

The FALCON, like the men of Bishop Ford, is known for its bravery, skill, speed and determination. This noble and pictur-esque bird, the most famous of the birds of prey, stands as a symbol of great courage and strength for all Bishop Ford athletes.

The FALCON'S tenacious grip, strong muscular build, great fighting spirit, and its habit of soaring to great heights are indicative of the mettle and high goals of the Ford athlete. The spirit of the FALCON that imbues each Ford man is his unwillingness to acknowledge defeat, his firmness of mind and purpose, his refusal to admit fear, and his complete and utter determination to achieve his objective.

It is with these ideals that Bishop Ford High School has chosen the white FALCON, the most royal of birds of prey, as its symbol.

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When you began your high school education at Bishop Ford last September, you embarked upon a training which will be totally imbued with Franciscanism. Throughout your years at Ford, the entire faculty will present to you what is the most beautiful of Franciscan traditions.

Furthermore, it is at this Christmastide that one of our greatest traditions may be perceived. The first page of *High Point* depicts Saint Francis of Assisi as he bends to greet the Child in the Manger. Editorialized is the beautiful account of the origin of the Christmas Crib as it was planned by our Saint Francis. Since that Christmas in 1223, the Christian faithful have adopted our Franciscan custom of depicting the Babe of Bethlehem in the setting of the first Christmas. For seven hundred years, this image has stirred the soul of both saint and sinner to offer countless acts of love and pleas for mercy to the Holy Infant Redeemer.

Yet, as Franciscan students, more is expected of you before the Crib. In imitation of Saint Francis of Assisi, you must realize that your only worth is the reflection of the Christ in yourself. Your actions must be likened to His. Your thoughts and desires and speech must be fashioned after His. Without the reflection of Christ's Image in your life, which is the Franciscan Way, you will be accounted as nothing and unworthy sons of Bishop Ford.

My Christmas prayer for you is that you will be filled with the joy of His Presence as was Francis before the first Crib on that holy Christmas morn.

To you and your parents I wish to extend the Franciscan blessing of Peace, and to ask you to share with the faculty in the beautiful prayer of Saint Francis:

Lord, make me an instrument of Your Peace
Where there is hatred, let me sow love
Where there is injury, pardon
Where there is darkness, light
Where there is sadness, joy
O Divine Master, grant that
I may not so much seek to
be consoled, as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved, as to love
For it is in giving that we receive
In pardoning that we are pardoned
And in dying, that we are born to eternal life.

Brother Timothy O.S.F.
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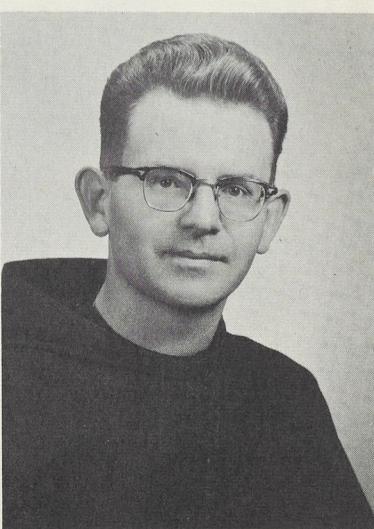
Guidance Program Builds Whole Man

Since last September, all of the students at Bishop Ford have been participating in the guidance program. For most of the students, group guidance was a subject which was new to them. In addition to its "newness" it was also different from most of the other subjects they had taken in that it did not deal largely with information or techniques or formulas, but rather with evaluation, attitudes, and social and personal relationships.

Why are guidance services being offered to the students at Bishop Ford? Guidance services are necessary if the school is to carry out the church's mandate to educate the "whole man."

Education, which, in the past was adequate, is no longer satisfactory in our rapidly changing and complex world. The school manifests its attempt to fulfill its obligation regarding complete education, by using every means at its disposal to achieve its objective. All the physical properties and facilities within the school are gathered and maintained to aid in the educational venture. Guidance services are necessary to develop the potentialities of each student, to provide him with a broad background of knowledge as he is able to assimilate, and to help the immature become mature, self-sufficient members of society. Instruction is, of course, the main task of a school. Guidance services make the instruction most effective.

Guidance is an aspect of Catholic educational philosophy which seeks to help the student find himself in the social order and to cooperate with Divine Grace in following the teachings of Christ.



Brother Matthias, O.S.F.

FALCON CAGEMEN DOWNED IN TIGHT PREP OPENER

The Basketball Squad opened their first season on December 8 dropping a hair-line decision to Brooklyn Prep 55-54.

The Falcons got off to a fast start by taking an 8-2 lead in the first two minutes. Brooklyn Prep made a fast recovery to tie the score 12-12 only to lag behind at the end of the first quarter 17-17. Throughout the second quarter the game was Ford's as the Falcon Five stole passes, rebounded and scored effectively to extend the half score to a 31-31 mark.

Although the third quarter score gave Ford a nine point margin signs of inexperience through pressure began to become evident. In the fourth quarter Lee Cutrone's fifth personal gave Prep scoring advantage and the quick breaking and adept pass stealing soon found Brooklyn Prep out in the lead 55-50. With only four seconds remaining Sheehan scored and a quick steal and tally by Smeragliuolo at the buzzer.

Confusion broke out on the court as many thought that Ref Jim called a foul against Prep. Ford's chance at tying the score and moving the game into overtime plummeted as Ref waved hands signifying the game's end.

No Ford fan could leave the Xaverian court without feelings of admiration for the determination and courage of the inexperienced Ford squad. Outstanding play must be noted for Doug Asiff, and Corny Sheehan who scored 15 and 14 points respectively, and to Ray Smeragliuolo for his hustle and pass stealing.

Rounding out the team are Co-captains Lee Cutrone and Bruce Humenick; Ron Maisano, Frank Savarese, Frey Meyers, Tony Cafaro, Jim Sullivan, Ed Babicke, Ed McNamara, Joe Guerra and Joe Diorio. Billy Lang is the club's manager and loyal supporter. He expresses the hope that all of Ford's students will join him in cheering the Falcon Frosh.

Brother Dermot, coach, was reached for comment after the game. He felt that inexperience and lack of great size were major obstacles which had to be overcome, but like the Falcon, determination and aggressiveness will make up for these weaknesses. He knows that his team is willing to exert all the efforts required to make it the first-rate club which it promises to be.

In pre-season scrimmage the Falcons were defeated by Christ the King but out-played McClancy, Mater Christi and Saint Agnes.

Grid Intramurals Draw 142 Ford Fans

Football Intramurals got underway on Thursday, December 14, with 142 Ford students registered to participate. Each Tuesday and Thursday the gridiron enthusiasts will meet for a hassle under the direction of Mr. Blandi and Mr. Mastellon. Actually each class is represented in the intramural and classes 105, 106, 107, and 108 are represented by two teams, the "A" and "B."

The games are played under touch rules. Only arms can be used in contact blocking and a simulated tackle consists in pulling white strips from the carrier's back pocket. The directors assure us that this is easier said than done.

In the opener 103, 104, 106 A, and 108 A received a bye. Winners of the first round will compete for quarter finals. Awards will be granted to first, second, and third competitors.

Mr. Mastellon expressed the hope that the participants will not let the cold weather keep them from class participation.



BROTHER DERMOT EXPLAINS last minute strategy to (L. to R.) Savarese, Asiff, Cutrone, Smeragliuolo and Sheehan.

FALCONS RUN OVER EAGLES

The Ford Falcons, who were defeated by Xaverian two weeks earlier (45-25) on their tiny track at Shore Road, trounced Brooklyn Prep 47-25 in a brilliant display of speed and power. In all there were eight events. The 40 yard dash, the 240 yard dash, the half mile, the mile, the 4 lap relay, the 6 lap relay and the shotput. The Falcons copped first in all but the 40 yard and the 4 lap relay.

Joe De Lessio turned in a fantastic 59.4 seconds for the 440 to take that event easily. In the 240, Pete "Bronco" Broncato legged out a 30.1 second time to finish on top. Al Paolucci was third with a 31.2. Mike Asfour and Jim Ruth gave Ford a clean sweep in the 880. Mike was clocked at 2:32.4 and Jim paced right behind a tenth of a second later.

George Cowley took the mile run in 5:20.8, his best of the year.

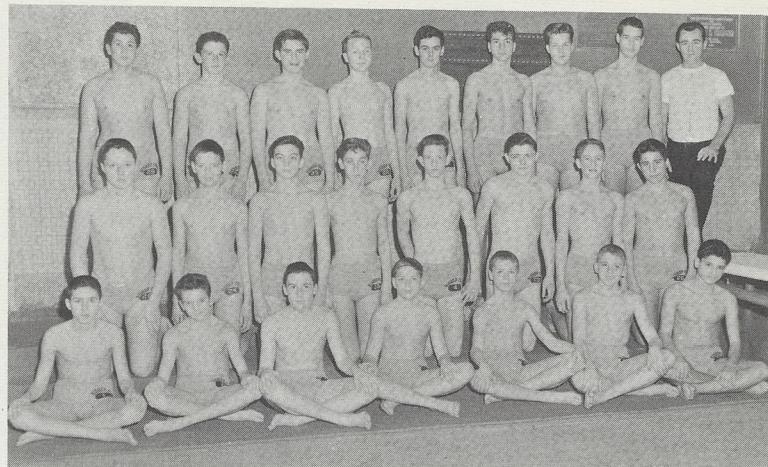
Coach Sullivan made the mile runners "kick" after about 6 laps instead of the usual eight. Although Ford was topped in the 4 lap relay, Brooklyn Prep was out-timed in the six. Al Paolucci led off and handed to Frank De Paolo. When the stick reached Broncato, his foot was stepped on causing a fifteen yard drop which he had to overcome with his speed and determination before the Ford anchor received. The "Bronc" passed the Prep runner and De Lessio was able to gain 25 yards for a team time of 2:04.5 victory.

After a brief intermission, all took to the field to watch Steve O'Rourke heave the shot 35 feet. Buzzy Campan placed second.

When the victory pandemonium subsided in the locker room both Mr. Sullivan and Brother Christopher praised Pete Broncato for his outstanding run in the six lap.



THE SKY ABOVE—THE MUD BELOW—Ford runners brave freezing weather to condition for future competition.



COACH BROTHER GEORGE stands with Ford swimmers at close of Frosh League.

Aquamen Finish Season In Meet With Terriers

Although the season record shows the Falcons on the short end, the season was not a complete loss. In fact it was quite successful if you consider only a very few boys ever competed before. The team started from scratch and ended up with a record of 3 wins and 5 losses against some of the best teams in the city.

The most rewarding victory of the season was the defeat of Loughlin at the hands of the young Falcons. Loughlin, usually a powerhouse was overpowered by Ford. This really meant something to the team and it was a team effort all the way.

Terriers by Two

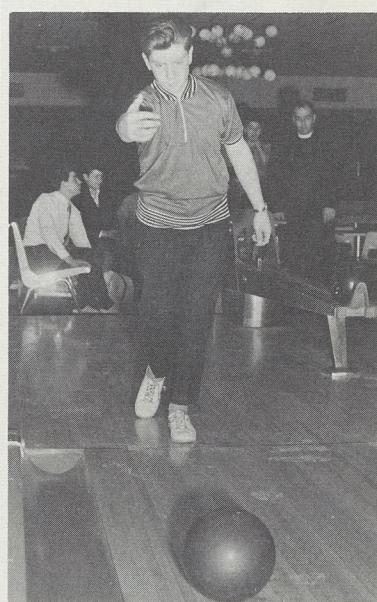
The other meet that will long be remembered will be the dual between St. Francis Prep and Ford. The Prep, for many years the strongest team and also city champs had a difficult time overcoming the Falcons. In fact victory was only theirs by winning the last event. The score was 39-37. Outstanding in the meet were Mike Mullalley, who won the breaststroke. Mike has only lost this event once this year. We look for big things from him next year. Tom Quinn won the backstroke. Here again, we expect great things from Tom next season. Bill Garry won the "100". Bill has the potential for a fine season next year. Kevin Clifford took second in the dive. Kevin never dove competitively before. He will win big with practice. The most thrilling event of the meet was the medley relay. This was the next to last event. We entered Quinn, backstroke; Mullalley, breast; Healy, butterfly; Lacari, free. The race came down to the last man. John Lacari had scored a second place in the "50" already. The Prep had their best going for them. The Prep led for the first "25" but on the turn, John came out ahead and poured it on. Result—Ford went ahead on this victory. The Prep came back with a good freestyle relay and won by 2 points. A fine showing.

All in all the season showed that there is ability on the team. Next year, this same team has to compete on varsity level. Much work will have to be put in by the boys over the summer.

We hope that next year we can put out a freshman team as good as this year's. We'll have to wait to see if we get any swimmers among our new freshmen.

As for this year—at least the rest of the league knows we are around. For a new school the team did extremely well.

Keglers Fourth In JV Standings



Falcon JV keglers have pinned St. Francis, St. Augustine, Saint Stephen and have gone under to McClancy and Chaminade. At present the Falcons stand fifth in a league of eleven. This is indeed a Ford feat when it is considered that all other league teams comprise Sophomores and Juniors.

Four of the bowlers have joined the "200 Club" at the Strand alleys and have been awarded trophies. Those so honored for bowling games with 200 score and over are: Wally Antoniewicz, Tony Dana, Joe Festa, and Tony Durso. Also on the squad are: Al Pagliuca and Nic Zambrano. Both of these keglers lend great support to the team score and they are not far from joining the "200 Club" themselves. Twelve games remain after the Loughlin Meet. On December 27, the Singles Tournament will be held at the Strand. Wally Antoniewicz and Al Pagliuca from Ford will compete against each league team's two best entries. Brother Fabian, coach, is confident of a Ford Day even against upper class opposition. Oscars and medals will be awarded.

Parents And Faculty Meet At Interview



BROTHER TIMOTHY CONVERSES with a Ford mother at interview.

On a beautiful Sunday afternoon the parents of the students of Bishop Ford filed into the Loughlin auditorium for a day of orientation and interview with the faculty. Many of the students were represented by both parents, forming an enthusiastic crowd of nearly five hundred. Brother Timothy opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. with a prayer.

Brother Matthias began the program with a brief explanation of the meaning of guidance and its great need in the life of the teen. He also enumerated the facilities for personal and group guidance which are functioning for the Bishop Ford student.

Then Brother Timothy addressed the parents. He began with an official declaration of the aims of a Franciscan education which would be utilized in the presentation of each course of study and activity to be offered. He stressed that for the formation of a Ford student dual responsibility must be accepted by the school and the parent. Setting a Christian example in the home, Brother continued, had to be the basis upon which the foundations of any Franciscan teaching at Ford must be laid.

Failure Shared at Home

Gloomily, Brother Timothy labeled a Ford education as a failure if a student were to emerge from his training not interested primarily in his pursuit for things eternal. But he forcefully continued that the school would not accept the failure alone. The parents would equally share the shame.

Upon completion of his outline of spiritual objectives, he detailed the educational, physical and cultural programs which are being offered at Ford. Brother demonstrated how each of these areas were required in the fulfillment of the education of the "Whole Man."

The Long Climb

Next the parents climbed to Loughlin's top floor and eased into the students' desks. Each teacher of that particular class then gave a description of the course of study which he presented during his period of a ten minute duration.

The third phase convened in the auditorium for personal faculty-parent interviews. These concluded by five thirty p.m.

Reaction was favorable as both parent and teacher expressed satisfaction at the mutually operative and frank meeting.

WHAT JOHNNY READS

A NATION OF SHEEP by William J. Lederer; Norton edition published March 1961; Crest edition published July 1962; 192 pages.

This book is, in brief, a conservative minded exposé of blunders in the United States foreign affairs.

One of the interesting points which Mr. Lederer makes concerns financial military assistance in foreign aid. For example, he cites that in dollars and cents it costs more to support one Lao soldier than any one other allied nation receives in monetary assistance.

After spending six years as special assistant to the Commander of the U. S. military forces in the Pacific, Lederer does write as one having authority. He devotes the first five chapters of his book dramatizing the short-sightedness of the Congressional law-makers. He cites numerous examples of wasteful spendings by our government which the reader must consider rash if not diabolical.

Lederer does not content himself with merely the exposure of these facts but in two chapters, he applies what this critic considers sound remedy and practical measures.

FORD FISHBONES

by Charlie the Tuna

Last September I wrote to Santa Claus in order to make sure that my Christmas list arrived early. So far I haven't received a reply and I don't have the wherewithal in order to go to John's to buy these gifts. If anybody wants to help out they can send the following people these gifts in my name:

FOR

Brother Gratian	a new razor blade
Angel Tuturro	a space ship
President McNamara	a doll named Jackie
Bill Cunningham	asbestos gloves
Brother Emmett	a subscription to Mad
Brother Timothy	a school
Brother Dermot	some French cheese
"Clem" McHale	a uniform
Brother George	a bathing suit
"Buzzy"	an English book
Mr. Sullivan	a joke book
Kevin Holmes	a collar
Mr. Mastellon	filtered chalk
Brother Cajetan	a crate of cough-drops
Mr. Nolan	a weathervane
Philip Sollberg	a colored skull cap
Brother Matthias	a couch
Bobby White	a pitch fork
Al Paolucci	a loudspeaker

IT IS RUMORED THAT:

Mr. Nolan does a mean "soft shoe"
Our building will never be ready
Bishop Kearney is our Sister school
Brother Emmett's music club really swings
Our student council is taking us for a bus ride
Our student council is taking us for a ride
There will be a Valentine Dance.

THINGS WE'D LIKE TO SEE IN '63:

A heavy snowfall
A transportation strike
Smokeless cigarettes
A Valentine Dance
A cheering section at the games
A cheer
A cheerleader
A Miss Bishop Ford
A school song besides "Car 54—Where Are You?"

FORD FOLIO



ANTHONY CAFARO—107

Tony travels to Bishop Ford from Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish where he received his primary education from the Dominican Sisters. He maintains loyalty to his former classmates by engaging in many Squire activities.

At Ford Tony is a member of the Frosh team and he hopes that this experience will bring him a regular position in the future.

Tony's subject interest is science in which he plans to make a career. He's hopeful after hard work at Ford to gain admission to college to pursue his goal.



GEORGE COWLEY—105

Today, with men orbiting the earth, it's good to see a person like George Cowley with his feet on the ground.

George has won three medals in the cross-country and has made a record by being undefeated in the mile.

He came to Ford from Saint Agatha Parish where he is grateful to the Sisters of Mercy for his education. After a full schedule at Ford with study and track, George would like to study to become a qualified engineer. With determination and work, we'll take bets that George will be successful.

Murphy Tops All Scholars

Robert Murphy topped all Ford scholars with a 96 average. Bob was formerly a student of Holy Family and deserves congratulations of the entire student body for achieving the greatest accomplishment of any Ford student thus far.

Ten other students were accredited with first honors. They were:

Angelo Turtorro, 101	94
Robert Lavender, 101	93
Michael Jaccarino, 101	92
Lawrence Picarello, 101	92
Joseph Dahl, 102	91
John Buddensick, 101	90
William Garry, 101	90
George Meyer, 101	90
John Mullen, 101	90
Paul Manza, 102	90
Philip Tesoriero, 102	90

Second honors were granted to the following:

John Bielicki, 101	89
Vincent Litto, 101	89
Richard Scalfani, 101	89
James Fitzgerald, 102	89
Mario Pinto, 102	89
Angelo Giordano, 103	89
Anthony Durso, 101	88
Alexander Krzeminski, 101	88
Vincent Puglia, 101	88
John Burns, 102	88
Francis Lindsey, 102	88
Thomas Raleigh, 102	88
Joseph Butler, 103	88
Frank Sena, 103	88
Frank Corrao, 105	88
Vincent Carlucci, 107	88
Alfred Thoben, 108	88
Joseph De Stefano, 101	87
John Mullen, 101	87
William Stepanky, 101	87
Edward Babicki, 102	87
Robert Colley, 102	87
Charles Terry, 102	87
Anthony Faga, 103	87
Kenneth Tom, 103	87
Kevin Hickey, 104	87
Richard Morabito, 104	87
Joseph Guerra, 105	87
Joseph Pascone, 105	87
Robert Cripps, 101	86
Bruce Humenik, 101	86
John Ritter, 101	86
Thomas Ryan, 101	86
Vincent Salvati, 102	86
Leonard Cutrone, 103	86
Felix Fanti, 103	86
Raymond Finch, 103	86
James Fiorentino, 103	86
Robert Vinci, 104	86
Anthony Santisi, 107	86
Bernard Gallitelli, 101	85
Brian Maher, 101	85
George Spicchiali, 101	85
Albert Nawrocki, 104	85
Philip De Felice, 105	85
Joseph Incorvaia, 105	85
Francis Mauriello, 105	85
Frances Salamone, 107	85

In addition to these students who comprise the list for the first and second honors, ninety-five others received honorable mention for gaining a total average of above 80%. The administration is hopeful that many of these students will pursue the necessary means of having their names placed among the specially honored students. The next report will be distributed during the week of January 28th.

Keep Christ In Christmas